

REMARKS

Administrative Overview

After entry of this Response, claims 1–24 will be pending.

In the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2008, claims 1–24 were rejected for nonstatutory double patenting.

A Terminal Disclaimer is Enclosed to Overcome the Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1–24 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–79 of U.S. Patent No. 5,878,403 (hereinafter “the ‘403 patent”).

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), disclaiming over U.S. Patent No. 5,878,403. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, we respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, we respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objections, and allowance of all of the pending claims in due course.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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